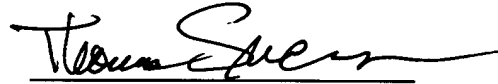


Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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